

# Griffith Receives Another Signed Contract—New York Wants Pari-Mutuels

## ANOTHER GRIFFITHMAN READY FOR SEASON

Fourth Member of Last Year's Club Sends Signed Contract to Boss.

## OLD FOX BUSY SOCIALLY

Will Address Two Gatherings on Baseball in Virginia Next Month.

By LOUIS A. DOUGHER.

One more member of the 1916 Griffman has signed up for the coming season, his contract arriving at Manager Griffith's office late yesterday.

With Johnson, Milan, Morgan, and Foster working out war-time contracts; Ed Flaherty, former Eastern High School twirler, and four 1916 players in line, the Old Fox is sure of having at least nine men ready for the joint to Augusta, Ga., next month.

No word has yet come from Hank Shanks since his return to dear old Monaca, but Manager Griffith does not expect any for a few weeks.

## Will Be Kept Busy.

The Old Fox has accepted two invitations from amateur baseball organizations. On February 5 he will address the Alexandria County A. A., which will hold a smoker at Clarendon, Va. Two nights later he will be principal guest of honor at the annual banquet of the Cardinal A. C. at Alexandria.

"You bet I'm going over to Clarendon," laughed Griffith today. "Who knows, I might dig up a promising young player out of the team some day. You never can tell. If I can help to boom baseball across the river by talking to the Alexandria county boys, I certainly will do so."

"And then that banquet with Sylvester Breen's bunch down the river—I wouldn't miss that for a fortune. Some of the hottest reports we have out at the ball park every season are Alexandrians, and I'm going to meet them again next month. Maybe I'll be tempted to predict something."

## About the Application.

Concerning the application of the Baseball Players' Fraternity for a charter in the American Federation of Labor, it is rumored today that it will be denied, on the ground that the players did not seek it until the contemplated strike appeared to be a hopeless matter.

President Gompers, of the A. F. of L., says that the application is being given thorough consideration by the executive committee, and that no decision is expected until Saturday or Monday of next week. The labor heads are investigating all conditions surrounding professional baseball players.

## Players Are Talking.

From all sections of the country are coming statements from prominent players, and the general opinion is that, contrary to President Fultz's blasts, there is anything but a united desire for a strike.

Hank Shanks, the Griffman's utility player, admits that he is against a strike. So do Johnny Levan, the Browns' shortstop; Bob Shawkey, the Yankees' pitcher; Dode Paskert, the Phillies' veteran outfielder; Joe Benz, Eddie Cicotte, and Claude Williams, the White Sox pitchers; Bobby Roth, the Cleveland outfielder, and Al Demaree, the Cubs pitcher.

More than forty American Leaguers are already signed to war-time contracts running through the 1917 campaign, and almost every day comes word of others signing. Two Brownies have signed up for the coming season, defying Fultz's orders.

## Some Are Scruppy.

The National League seems to have some players who are scruppy, though most of their complaints are against salary cutting.

Gus Getz, the Brooklyn third baseman, has returned, unsigned, the contract tendered him this winter. He was out down \$500, and he doesn't relish this "warrant" either. He now joins the other disgruntled Dodgers—Zack Wheat, Casey Stengel, Chief Meyers, George Cutshaw and Hil Myers.

More National Leaguers than American Leaguers seem to be drilling along with Dave Fultz, though many are kicking against dwindling salary rather than cruelty to minor league players.

## Contradicts Fultz.

John H. Farrell, secretary of the National Association of Minor Leaguers, contradicts Dave Fultz's statements concerning the treatment of Manager Crystal, of St. Thomas, Canada, and calls Fultz's efforts in behalf of the players "schoolboy Fourth of July oratory."

In many cases the national board carried on its dealings directly with the players, and not with Fultz, as head of the fraternity.

"This is where the shoe pinches," says Farrell. "Fultz's statements are garbled, regardless of the frequent, meaningless flights of schoolboy oratory about such conditions as the Crystal case being tolerated in a free land."

Crystal, managing a Class C team, got into trouble with a player, who charged that he had been released without notice or pay. The national board first ordered Crystal to pay the player five days' salary out of his own pocket. Later investigation showed that the player was a notorious contract jumper, playing under an assumed name. Crystal was immediately declared eligible, and his sentence lifted.

Farrell claims that Fultz was familiar with these facts when he instituted legal suit against the national board, although at the time the whole case had been settled satisfactorily to Crystal.

## PORTLAND TRADES PITCHER.

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 25.—The Portland team of the Pacific Coast League has just traded pitcher Z. Z. Hagerman, formerly of the Cleveland Americans, to St. Paul of the American Association, for Catcher Marshall.

## HAS HARD SCHEDULE

Springfield Training School Eleven To Play Big Ones.

SPRINGFIELD, Mass., Jan. 25.—Probably the toughest football schedule ever arranged for the Y. M. C. A. Training School eleven is booked for next fall. The local team will play Dartmouth, Army, Harvard and Rutgers, four teams of recognized skill. An attempt to arrange a game with Brown failed.

Following is the 1917 schedule: October 6, Dartmouth at Hanover; October 13, Dartmouth (home game); October 20, Army at West Point; October 27, Worcester Tech here; November 3, Harvard at Cambridge; November 10, Rutgers at New Brunswick; November 17, Massachusetts Aggies here; November 24 or 29, Chicago Y. M. C. A. College at Chicago (pending).

## STRIKE MAY PROVE BENEFIT TO GAME

So Think Donovan, McGraw, and Robinson, Who Tell Some Good Reasons.

NEW YORK, Jan. 25.—Bill Donovan thinks that if the ballplayers get to quarreling among themselves over this strike and it breaks up in a row, it will be a great thing for the game whether or not any demands are granted.

Wilbert Robinson, who started South on another hunting trip last night, thinks the same thing. John McGraw says he has been hoping that something like that would happen for two or three years.

"This thing of players getting too chummy and too close to one big company, as it were," says Bill, "has done a lot to hurt baseball. It wasn't that way in the old days."

Don't Like Handshaking. "The fans don't like that old handshaking stuff and the cheery greetings between members of one team and another as they go to bat. I don't either, for that matter. Mr. Baseball Fan wants to see them scrap. He likes to think they are mad at each other and about to come to blows over the game whether they are or not."

Joe Tinker said a similar mouthful when he gave out an interview in Chicago the other day, deciding that the union of ballplayers was a bad thing for the game because it made them too much like brothers.

Out For a Romp. "Why, the way they have been playing baseball the last few years," said Wilbert Robinson, a member of the old Baltimore fighting school, "one would think they were little boys out for a romp together. When they get together they create the impression that they don't care which way the game ends as long as they are paid."

"Some people call that good sportsmanship and have a way of referring to players like that as 'high class' and 'sporting.' That's a lot of rot. The same fellows who say they are aching all the time they are at a game to see one of the players threaten to bust another one in the nose."

"It's all right for the players to be friendly and good sports with each other off the field, but when they are out there swinging a club and stealing bases I want to see them fight like wildcats—and so do you."

"There's quite a difference between coarse rowdiness and a disposition to fight for every point in the game," adds McGraw. "Players can scrap with each other without disgusting the fans. Nobody likes to hear bad language and senseless 'riding' of a player, but they do glory in a game when they think every player in it is on his toes every minute."

## LOSES BY INCHES

Brewer Nosed Out in Two Races at Millrose Games in New York.

An inch or so prevented Brooke Brewer, Maryland State sprinter, from being returned winner in both the invitation and open seventy-yard dashes held in New York last night at the Millrose games.

The State flyer landed second place in the open seventy and was third in the invitation seventy. Joe Lombardi took the special seventy and Alva Myer was second.

Fast work was noted in all races during the night. Joie Ray, of the Illinois Athletic Club, assailed the mark set by the late Tommy Connell, made at Bergen's Point in September, 1895. Ray was clocked in 6.45, with Johnny Overton second.

Robert Simpson topped the seventy-yard hurdles in 0:13.5, a fifth of a second better than Jack Eller's record. He went over the high hurdles for the same distance in 2 seconds, two-fifths of a second better than the old mark.

Ted Meredith led Mike Devaney, Joe Higgins, Dave Caldwell and Don Scott in the invitation 600, taking the lead and wearing his field out to a driving finish.

## HICKEY WORRIES NOT

Neither He Nor George Tebeau Take Stock in Fultz.

CHICAGO, Ill., Jan. 25.—Dave Fultz's claim that the American Association is "on his hip," with eighty-five of the 125 players who finished last season pledging allegiance to the baseball fraternity edict, isn't worrying President Thomas J. Hickey, of the association, or George Tebeau, owner of the Kansas City franchise.

"It looks to me like the strike has petered out," was Tebeau's comment today.

## BASEBALL SUIT HALTS.

Because John J. Johnson, one of the attorneys for organized ball, had three cases to try here during next month, the suit of the Terrapins has been postponed until the April term of the Federal Court at Philadelphia. The counsel for both sides agreed to the postponement of the \$800,000 damage suit. Action was begun last March and the trial had been tentatively set for February 12.

## FORDHAM TO HAVE SPEED AT TENNIS

All of Last Year's Players Eligible for Tour South This Spring.

NEW YORK, Jan. 25.—The prospects for a good tennis team at Fordham University next spring are exceptionally bright. Manager Matty Taylor has arranged a list of a dozen matches, six of which will be played on the Maroon courts. The alumni have become interested in the racquet wielders and have arranged with the athletic association to allow the teams three matches on Southern college courts.

The feat of Capt. Elliot Binzen in winning the national indoor junior championships two consecutive seasons has caused so much comment at Fordham that it is expected tennis will be on a par with all other sports at Fordham this spring. A dozen new large courts and a tennis house, which were built last season, will be kept in perfect condition by a groundskeeper, and it is reported that Matt Austin, who coached the N. Y. A. C. tennis team, will also coach the Fordham players.

The entire team from last season is intact, and in the freshman classes there are thirty candidates who have distinguished themselves on the court either in prep schools or at summer resorts. Arrangements are being made to practice indoors in a local armory. The schedule:

April 21, C. C. N. Y., at Fordham; 25, Columbia; 25, New York; 26, Fordham; 30, Georgetown at Fordham. May, 5, Amherst at Fordham; 8, C. C. N. Y. at City College; 11, Columbia at Fordham; 12, Trinity at Fordham; 18, Rutgers at New Brunswick, N. J.; 17, Georgetown at Washington; 18, George Washington at Washington; 19, Navy at Annapolis.

## THREE STARS TO GO

Business Losses Bernard Wise, Carl Glessner, and Omar Hawk.

Business will lose three star athletes in the mid-year graduating class according to the list given out today. Bernard Wise, Carl Glessner and Omar Hawk are due to receive their diplomas, having successfully passed through their four-year course.

Buck Wise is the best all-around athlete developed in the schools in recent years. Twice he has won letters in four sports. He is rated as a good first baseman, was picked for all-high school honors for three straight years, has been captain of the basketball team and has twice won the high jump in the title meet.

Carl Glessner is a former basketball captain and one of the strong defensive guards of the series. Business will miss Wise and Glessner badly before the season is out. Omar Hawk has been a fixture in the Business outfield for three years and has gained an enviable reputation.

It is seldom that three captainties are won by one boy, and yet that is the distinction coming to Howard Cissell, of Central. Cissell was very low with pneumonia recently, but is reported to be better.

In the list of commissions announced yesterday Cissell is listed as a captain of one of the Central cadet companies. In addition he was elected captain of the basketball team and is captain of the tennis team.

Western High Swimming Club members will measure strokes with the Boys' Y. M. C. A. swimmers tomorrow night in the Y. M. C. A. pool. There are several attractive events listed.

## McDERMOTT BETTER

Former National Open Golf Champion on Road to Recovery.

Golfers from all over the country will rejoice to hear that Jack McDermott, twice national open champion, is on the road to recovery. This announcement was made recently at the annual meeting of the Golf Association of Philadelphia, when Harrison Townsend, who had charge of the fund raised for McDermott, said that recent advice from physicians were to the effect that they believed that the former golf hero would be completely restored to health in a few weeks' time.

McDermott started his career as a caddy in the Quaker City, and his triumphs in open championships in this country brought him international prominence while still a mere youth.

In 1910 at the Philadelphia Cricket Club, he finished in a triple tie with Alex Smith and Macdonald Smith, Alex winning in the playoff. He duplicated this performance in 1911 at the Chicago Golf Club, finishing in a tie with Michael J. Brady and G. A. Simpson.

In this case, however, McDermott was successful. He won the 1912 open at the Country Club of Buffalo.

Golfers at the association's meeting were particularly glad to hear that a large sum had been raised for McDermott by the Professional Golfers' Association of the United States, the members thereby showing that they had not forgotten Jack, though it is several years since he played in its midst.

## YERKES GETS JOB

Will Be Utility Man for Chicago Cubs This Season.

CHICAGO, Jan. 25.—"Steve" Yerkes will be carried by the Chicago Nationals this season as utility infielder and pinch hitter. President Charles Weeghman said today. Overtures for Yerkes had been received from American and Southern Association clubs.

Tom Seaton, a pitcher, who finished last season with Indianapolis, of the American Association, will be taken to the spring training camp for another trial, it was announced also.

## DARCY WILL MEET CHIP OR AL M'COY

Australian's Manager Accepts \$30,000 Offer for Bout in Garden.

NEW YORK, Jan. 25.—Les Darcy will meet either Al McCoy, the American middleweight champion, or George Chip, whom he defeated in Australia, at Madison Square Garden on March 8. E. Timothy Sullivan, Darcy's manager, has accepted an offer of \$30,000 from Grant Hugh Brown, the newest tenant of the garden, and the Australian will begin training at once.

Darcy was matched for his second encounter with Chip when he slid out of the Australian harbor and beat it for America. Chip came back to the United States, asking where he got off, and demanded that he be given another chance.

Chip has admitted that Darcy hit him with more gloves and oftener and harder than any man he ever met, so Darcy probably will have little trouble in whipping the man, who knocked the ambition out of Frank Klaus.

## BOB THAYER'S Sporting Gossip

That Alexandria County A. C. smoker will be dry, being in Virginia.

Judging from reports, the East will combat the West when the teams folk gather in New York next month. The frontiersmen believe in a generous understanding of what makes a professional as opposed to an amateur. The East, following the example of the golf lords, has an opposite view of the situation. Just now it is generally the custom to observe a hard and fast view of what is amateurism and what is not, but the time will surely come when the West will run things to suit itself.

Hank Shanks shows wisdom in laying off of Dave Fultz and his official orders.

I am in receipt of a cordial letter from the editor of the George Washington Hatchet, commending this paper for its friendly attitude toward George Washington University's athletics. Many thanks for the expression of friendly opinion. However, The Times endeavors to play fair with every local institution and George Washington, having something to boast, has benefited accordingly. Whenever a sporting writer allows personal prejudice to interfere with his duties, there is something decidedly wrong with that young man. News is news and so long as the Buff and Blue has news to impart, it will always find room in these columns. However, I am pleased to know that George Washington is grateful. Come right back again, my friends in George Washington.

We're still waiting for that surprise Dave Fultz has for the magnates.

Investigations show that the rubber-banded duckpin record made by George Isemann's Crescents in five games at Martinsburg with the Palace rollers there stands by itself as a national mark. It is not improbable that a larger total has been made than that of the Crescents, but with a different style of rubber-banded maple. There are several varieties of the latter, some of which are productive of higher scores than others.

The Martinsburg game is the nearest approach to the regulation A. C. B. A. style of duckpins. With such a brilliant start Isemann would do well to keep his newly organized combination together and go after other laurels.

And Chicago gets all "het up" over Sunday golf. We were under the impression that Sunday golf started in Chicago.

Tom Jones, the Kewanee Barber, has been heard from at last. He says that under no consideration will he allow Jess Willard to enter a ring in New York City. Tom says that New York is altogether too rude for him, praising Willard one day and calling him a false alarm the next. Tom selects Milwaukee as the city in which the world's champion will make his second appearance since taking the title from Jack Johnson. This should be a solemn warning to New York never again to poke fun at Willard while Tom Jones, the Kewanee Barber, is in hearing.

How Les Darcy must write as he reads some of the pieces in the paper about himself.

Jim Coffey is to be given a bout with Fred Fulton at Madison Square Garden, according to the latest information from the newest leaseholder of that building of sport and jokes. Following Coffey's appearance, Weinert will take on Fulton. Then, but not till then, will Jess Willard design to notice the Minnesota plasterer. This a marvelous program. Cowler has already taken the count. Now another challenge, Coffey, is to "get hit," to be followed by a fair second-rater in the person of Weinert. If you'll recall, Jack Dillon has defeated all three of these men picked as trial horses for Fulton. Dillon weighs around 170 pounds. Fulton is a 220-pounder. Nuff said!

## DAWSON TO AID RUSH.

Fred Dawson, who has been coach of the Union football team with marked success for several years, will assist Speedy Rush in the coaching work at Princeton this fall. Dawson will have charge of the freshman team.

## WON'T PLAY RUTGERS.

ANN ARBOR, Mich., Jan. 25.—Michigan will not play Rutgers in New York, following the close of the regular football season next fall. Disputed Athletics Barriers so announced here today.

## BASKETERS ACTIVE IN WEEK-END CARD

Schools and Colleges Meet in Many Battles During Next Two Days.

There will be lots doing in the basketball line for the week-end, judging from the attractive games listed by various quints during the next two days. The banner battle of the remainder of the week is the scheduled contest at Ryan gymnasium tomorrow night, when St. John's College, of Brooklyn, visits the Hilltoppers.

Georgetown is not at all dismayed by the defeat administered by the Navy quints yesterday, when the Midshipmen won a 31-to-23 victory. The Blue and Gray team was lost on the big floor at first, but rallied and more than held its own in the closing half.

Visitors Are Strong. St. John's College is rated as one of the strongest teams in the East, and followers of basketball would do well to journey up to Ryan gym to take a look at the visiting players.

Two school games of merit are slated for tomorrow. The Army and Navy Preps are tackling the Gallaudet College Reserves, while Tech visits Martinsburg to play the strong Y. M. C. A. team there.

The schoolboy league game will find Western opposing Business on the "Y" floor in the afternoon in a single contest. The Y. M. C. A. boys' team takes on Eastern in the evening performance at the boys' gym.

## G. W. U. to Battle.

George Washington will manage to meet the Davis-Elkins College team. Little is known of the West Virginia quints, but those who have followed the fortunes of George Washington are declaring the team had best look for a tough battle.

Catholic University is going to Baltimore tomorrow night to play the Loyola College team a return game. Loyola was noosed by only a few points here in early season, and can be expected to give the Brooklanders a hot argument on their own floor.

## WILL PROBE CHARGE

President Hickey Wants Information About Gambling.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Jan. 25.—Baseball followers here are awaiting with some degree of curiosity the scheduled meeting of the American Association to be held here in February.

Hickey will come several days in advance of the schedule makers in order to pry into the gambling charges that have been filed.

There is said to be more gambling on baseball in this city than in half the big league cities and at one time last summer the local bookmakers refused to lay any odds on the Blues one way or another. Recently charges were made in a Toledo newspaper that Kansas City gamblers had approached association players in an effort to "fix" games.

President Hickey hasn't shown any great interest in these charges, but is expected to show some attention to the situation when the schedule makers meet.

## JACK DILLON ACCEPTS

Will Box Twenty Rounds With Battling Levinsky.

NEW ORLEANS, Jan. 25.—Jack Dillon, of Indianapolis, who is at West Baden, Ind., recuperating from his recent fight with Billy Miske, today, through Billy Haack, of Memphis, agreed to meet Battling Levinsky in a twenty-round fight before the new Louisiana Auditorium on February 7.

The match was made via the long distance telephone, and Dillon and Levinsky will arrive here a week before the fight and train for the edification of the local prize fight fans.

Dominick Tortorich, matchmaker of the new Louisiana Auditorium, has also offered Ritchie Mitchell, of Milwaukee, a big guarantee to meet the Mexican, Joe Rivera, here on February 14. This is the choicest date of the year for a fight, being the Friday before Mardi Gras week. Mitchell has not accepted yet, but Tortorich feels sure that he will, and that the bout will be arranged over the twenty-round distance. This will give Mitchell his chance to show before a local audience, the race track crowds and visitors, and it is not believed he will pass up the chance.

MALONE SIGNS PAPERS. BALTIMORE, Jan. 25.—Louis Malone, the local ball player, has signed and returned his contract to the Brooklyn club. Louis has a good chance to make good with the Dodgers, for a need a second sacker.

Malone was in Hopkins Hospital for several days, where an operation was performed on his nose. He was struck by a pitched ball last spring in an exhibition game against the Braves at Jacksonville.

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## GETS GOLF PLUM

Professionals Want Tourney, To Be Played at Brasburn.

NEW YORK, Jan. 25.—The national open golf championship tournament will be played this year at the Brasburn Country Club, West Newton, Mass., on June 27, 28, and 29, if the executive committee of the United States Golf Association and the club ratify the dates chosen by the Professional Golfers' Association. The professionals, to whom a choice of dates was allowed, selected only three days, as they have suggested a change in handling the tournament.

Most of them believe it possible to play the entire qualifying round in one day instead of two, as has been the custom of late. Should the entries exceed the number expected, however, the Brasburn Club may insist on a four-day tournament.

## WESTONS SET PAGE IN DUCKPIN ROLLING

Only Team to Get Total Above 1,600 Mark—Gossip of the Pinspillers.

Only one team was successful in passing the 1,600 mark for a set in last night's duckpin rolling, the Westons, of the District League, squashing the lowly Goodfellows in three straight with a total of 1,612.

In the second game, which the Westons won by 618 to 515, victory was in the grasp of the Goodfellows until a rookie getting his first experience at league rolling, came through excitedly in the final frame with a six, which queered everything.

"Say," said Capt. Bill Rider, of the Goodfellows, after this miserable incident, "don't let a man of trifling like that disturb you. When I started league rolling, and I was a fair bowler, too, I dragged along for three straight sets without even making a mark." Bill makes 'em quite frequently now as witness his 256 set last night.

## Will Roll Tomorrow.

Instead of Saturday, as announced yesterday, Johnny Veath and Tom Mayhew and Ray Chapin and Ed Howser, will finish their ten-game series tomorrow afternoon with five games at the Grand Central.

The winners of the match will be challenged by the National Capital alleys' management to meet Harry Schmidt and Young Wolstenholme, who are bowlers of more than fair ability. Schmidt is one of the leading pinspillers of the city, considered by some who have witnessed his performances in match games at the National Capital as in the class of Krause and Veath. He has an average of about 114 in the District League.

## Wolstenholme Is Sensational.

Wolstenholme is a bowler of the sensational variety, hitting the maples for big scores, but inconsistently. Not long ago he knocked down more than 400 maples in three consecutive games with a high score of 188, believed to be a District record. The season before last he achieved a set of 427 in league competition, beating the five and one-fourth-inch ball. Schmidt and Wolstenholme probably could give any two bowlers in the city a worthy battle.

## KEEPS ON WINNING

Georgetown Is Eighth Victim to Fall Before Speed of Navy.

Georgetown University is the eighth victim to fall before the speed of the victorious Navy basketball team. The Hilltoppers lost yesterday by 31 to 23, the Navy players showing greater shooting ability than the visitors from this city.

Georgetown's forwards were prone to take too long shots for the basket rather than depend upon team work to get the ball clear for a shot close up. Bob O'Leone led the attack for Georgetown, and missed many chances on mid-floor shots.

Freddy Fees earned an enviable reputation by casing nine out of eleven free tosses for his team. Both sides played an unusually clean game.

Friends took another fall out of Business yesterday, winning a 40 to 17 victory. Dick King continued his good work for Friends by shooting eleven baskets from the floor. Business was defeated on its own floor, Friends displaying too clever passing work.

Central's second team and the sophomore combination proved too strong for Western's representatives yesterday. The second teams battled to an 8 to 5 score, Central leading. Better basketball was displayed by the youngsters, Central winning by 35 to 8.

## RESUME RELATIONS

Columbia and Harvard Crews Will Race at Cambridge.

NEW YORK, Jan. 25.—It was learned yesterday that Columbia and Harvard are negotiating for a rowing race to be held early in the spring. The prospects for such a race, it was stated, are bright. Announcement that negotiations have been completed is expected in a few days.

The race will be held over the Charles river course at Cambridge, Mass., probably in May, and the event will mark the resumption of rowing relations between the universities. Columbia and Harvard have not met on the water in many years.